

satisfactorily. However telephone breakdowns (as and when occurs) are promptly attended.

(c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has laid down following norms for grant of rent rebate:-

Sl.No.	Period of continuous faults	Rent rebate
1	Faults pending for upto 3 days	Nil
2	Faults pending for more than 3 days but not more than 7 days	7 days
3	Faults pending for more than 7 days but not more than 15 days	15 days
4	Faults pending for more than 15 days.	One month

(d) The details of rent rebate approved for faulty telephones corresponding to Jaisinghpur Telephone exchange from June, 2006 to October, 2006 are as below:

Sl. No.	Month	No. of telephone fault for more than 3 days in the month	Total amount of rent rebate (in Rs.)
1	June 06	55	1,991/-
2	July 06	48	1,986/-
3	August 06	58	2,276/-
4	September 06	56	2,152/-
5	October 06	49	1,685/-

### **Eradication of manual scavenging**

†\*328. **SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:**

**SHRI C. PERUMAL:**

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the practice of carrying night soil manually is still going on in the country despite having been declared illegal;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) the steps taken by Government for its eradication?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Water flush latrines are not available to the entire population in the country. Dry latrines and manual scavenging still exists in some parts of the country. A State-wise statement on number of manual scavengers in the towns/cities having population less than 5 lakhs is at Statement. (see below).

(c) Planning Commission has formulated a National Action Plan for total eradication of manual scavenging. For effective implementation and monitoring of the National Action Plan, a Central Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been constituted.

### **Statement**

#### *State-wise number of Manual Scavengers\**

#### **(Cities with population of less than 5,00,000)**

Sl. No.	State Name	Number of Manual Scavengers yet to be Liberated*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1450
2.	Assam	170
3.	Bihar	20196
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	1900
5.	Nagaland	147
6.	Tamil Nadu	137
7.	Uttar Pradesh	19879
8.	Uttaranchal	3058
9.	West Bengal	171
TOTAL:		47108

NOTE: Rest of the States/UTs have since declared themselves as Scavenger/Dry latrines free.

\*SOURCE: Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)/State/UT Governments at different points of time.